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 Unit 63 Epidural Tips

* Q2 hours for 24 hours after initiation, increase in dose or bolus, change in solution, or reportable condition, then Q4 hours
	+ Pain score, scale, and pt satisfaction
	+ RASS
	+ Respiratory Rate
	+ Quality of Respirations
	+ O2 Sat
* Q shift
	+ Epidural site
	+ Bromage Scale, motor function
	+ Local anesthetic toxicity
	+ Adverse Effects: N/V, itching
	+ Nausea/vomiting
	+ Pruritus
* Q4 hours
	+ Clear pump
* Reassess RASS, pain assessment and respiratory rate within 1 hour of bolus

When to Call Anesthesia

* Oversedation  (RASS <-1) and/or mental status changes
* Respiratory depression (RR<10, hypercarbia)
* Catheter concerns: tubing disconnect/break, dislodgement
* New or worsening medication/epidural side effects
* Motor blockade/weakness